(1)	(2)	(3)
North Eastern	187.08	186.93
Northeast Frontier	117.88	124.77
Southern	228.12	219.24
South Central	158.62	154.90
South Eastern	169.07	181.87
Western	78.59	61.02
TOTAL	1555.58	1496.03

Introduction of a Super Fast Express Train from Delhi to the Coastal Areas of A.P.

1221. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is a proposal to introduce a Super Fast Express Train linking Delhi to the coastal areas of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that the present Dakshin Express is not popular amongst passengers due to its very long travelling time;

(c) whether Government propose to start a faster train to serve the same areas of the present Dakshin Express; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA) : (a) to (c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Passenger amenities on all Express trains

1222. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal to gradually increase Passenger amenities on all Express Trains on a more equitable basis;

(b) whether it is a fact that many Express trains going in a southern direction are devoid of basic facilities like dining car, pantry car or hygienic food, etc;

(c) what are the Express trains presently going from Delhi to Andhra Pradesh which do not have good catering facilities attached; and

(d) the steps being taken to enhance the level of passenger facilities on such trains ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA) : (a) It is the endeavour of Indian Railways to provide passenger amenities in all the trains upto the standard laid down by the Passenger Amenities Committee. Recently 40 Mail/Express trains have been covered under "Zero Missing Amenities fitting" scheme to ensure availability of identified amenity fittings. More and more trains are proposed to be covered under this scheme progressively.

(b) to (d) No, Sir. Adequate care is taken to ensure that the catering requirements are duly met from static as well as mobile catering units on this route. While most of the South bound trains, from Delhi area, have been provided with pantry cars, a few including 7021/7022 Dakshin Express are being provided with catering facilities from static points enroute.

Due to poor patronage and continued loss, pantry car service from Dakshin Express had been withdrawn from 1-5-1989. Continuous efforts are being made to upgrade the provision of catering services by enlisting vigorous measures.

Extension of Kanyakumari Bangalore Express upto Mysore

1223. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI :
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to increase the speed of Kanyakumari-Bangalore Express train and extend the same to Mysore; if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether Government propose to introduce a new train between Kanyakumari and Mysore via Alleppey in order to expand tourist traffic in the region; and

(c) if the answer is negative, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Due to operational constraints and lack of commercial justification.

Introduction of a new Superfast Train between New Delhi-Madurai via Jolarpet

1224. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN :
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a Super Fast Train between New Delhi and Madurai via Jolarpet in broadgauge line in the near future; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA) : (a) There is no proposal at present.

(b) Not commercially justified.

Relaxation in age for candidate appearing in the Railway Examination

1225. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to relax the age limit for candidates appearing in the Railway Examination at par with other Central Government departments;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA) : (a) to (c) The rules for relaxation of upper age limit in respect of SC/ST candidates, physically handicapped candidates, ex-servicemen, etc. and also serving Government employees (working in the Railways) for direct recruitment as laid down by Department of Personnel & Training, the nodal Department in these matters, are being followed on the Railways.

कानपुर के गोविन्दपुरी रेलवे स्टेशन पर प्लेटफार्म का विस्तार सम्बन्धी कार्य

1226. चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि: